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Proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol on hydrochlorofluorocarbons for parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol

Proposed adjustment to the Montreal Protocol submitted by the United States of America

Note by the Secretariat

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Secretariat is recirculating in annexes I and II to the present note explanatory information and a proposal submitted by the United States of America to adjust the Montreal Protocol, which were previously circulated in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/40/4. The annexes are presented as received by the Secretariat, without formal editing.

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Annex I

Explanatory information on the proposal submitted by the United States of America to adjust the HCFC phase-out schedule

The United States proposes to adjust the 0.5% servicing tail for hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2030 to additionally cover the servicing of fire suppression equipment existing before 2020. The proposal would amend paragraphs 6(a) and (b) of Article 2F to expand the scope of the servicing tail, which currently covers only existing refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, to also include existing fire suppression equipment. This proposal would not increase the amount of the servicing tail. It would provide flexibility for production and consumption of HCFCs to be used to service remaining HCFC-based fire suppression equipment in place prior to 2020 helping to prevent the premature retirement of existing equipment.

We note that the findings of the March 2018 report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel acknowledge the continued need for HCFCs for fire suppression sector uses from 2020 to 2030. Consistent with these findings, we foresee some continuing uses in the U.S. fire suppression sector for HCFCs.

We welcome discussion on the elements of this proposed adjustment.

Annex II

Text of the U.S. proposal to adjust the HCFC phase-out schedule

Article 2F, paragraph 6(a)

In paragraph 6 (a) of Article 2F of the Protocol, for the words:

"refrigeration and air-conditioning"

there shall be substituted:

"fire suppression, refrigeration and air-conditioning"

Article 2F, paragraph 6(b)

In paragraph 6 (b) of Article 2F of the Protocol, for the words:

"refrigeration and air-conditioning"

there shall be substituted:

"fire suppression, refrigeration and air-conditioning"